

Examiner's rejection in view of the combination of the '434 Patent with the '051 Patent must be withdrawn.

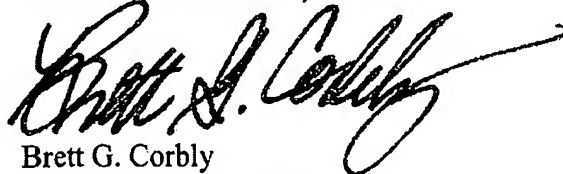
Given the clear impropriety of this rejection, Applicant contacted the Examiner by telephone in an effort to avoid unnecessary additional prosecution. Although the Examiner acknowledged that the present rejection was improper, she refused to allow the pending claims over the phone.

After having the opportunity to further consider that two searches have been conducted and no prior art has been uncovered that anticipates or renders the pending claims obvious, Applicant is confident that the Examiner will agree that the claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant looks forward to receiving an expedited Notice of Allowance for claims 1-16.

In the event that some unforeseen issue requires attention, please telephone the Applicant's attorney to expedite issuance of the patent. Although no fees are currently believed due, the undersigned authorizes the deduction of any necessary fees from Deposit Account No. 11-0978.

Respectfully submitted,

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